



Weather and Water (W&W) Goal Team Newsletter 10 March 2006

Weather and Water Goal Website:

http://www.ppi.noaa.gov/weather_water/ww_index.html

Next W&W Goal Team Meeting

- Monday, March 20, 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm EST, SSMC-2 16246
 - o Call-in # 866-816-7309
 - o Password: 9762263

Action Items & Deadlines

March 15 – NOAA Education Mini-Grant Proposals due

March 31 – ISOS Definition due (NEP action)

March 31 – Space Weather Review and Evaluation due (NEP action)

April 17 – Review of Consolidated Observational Requirements List due

Other Important Dates/Items/Issues

March 13 – FY08 Programming Process Review

March 14 – Stakeholders Consolidation View published by NOAA

March 29 – Gulf of Mexico Cooperative Institute Grant Proposals due

April 3 – Cooperative Institutes Meeting

Notional PPBES Calendar:

March 15 – Guidance #1 released/Business Operating Manual updated

March 15 – May 12 – Initial planning begins

April 14 – Guidance #2 released

May 15 – 19 – Hands on CASA NOVA training

May 31 – AGM developed and published

June 2 – Goal Team Guidance released

July 7 – Draft Program Operating Plans complete

July 28 – Complete Program Operating Plans (POP)

August 23 – Submit Portfolio Analysis to DCO

August 30 – Combined NEP/NEC Brief

Notes from March 6 Meeting

- George Smith discussed his **Annual Guidance Memorandum presentation** he gave to the Goal Team leads on Wednesday, March 1. He proposed that the AGM should initiate the development of an approach to get to a “vision” for “One NOAA” for 2020 to support environmental stewardship, delivery of data and information, and modernized infrastructure. An implementation plan, similar in intent to the NWS Modernization plan several years ago, should be used.

Significant commitment of NOAA leadership and management is essential if the implementation is to be successful. Using an analogy of various NOAA organizations as links in a chain, Goals and their components would propose a road map to describe what would be accomplished in the short, intermediate and long term to contribute to the “2020” vision. PM concurrence with the PPBES changes were due to George Tuesday, March 7th and PM comments to the AGM draft summary were due to George on Wednesday, March 8th.

- **Planning Update – PPBES Improvements** briefing was given by Paul Doremus, PPI. Paul described the changes being made to the PPBES process and the Vice Admiral’s conditional concurrence of the new process. Goal leads are being asked to concur with the PPBES changes by Wednesday, March 8th. Paul suggested that the changes were designed to allow NOAA to focus on strategic planning rather than process. Several questions were asked. First, was the 5% growth envisioned in the plan for each program or for the entire Goal? The response was that the growth was for the entire Goal and that the Goal Lead would make programmatic decisions concerning individual items. A question was asked how big programs/capital assets (e.g. satellite programs) fit into the planning process. The answer was “not easily” and this will become a challenge in the future. A final call for comments on the planning process was issued.

- **Focal Points Reports:**
 - Stakeholders – Steve Schofield
Stakeholder information is being gathered from the programs and forwarded to Neil Christenson.
 - Cooperative Institutes: Great Lakes – Alan Leonardi
The Great Lakes CI plan will go to the Goal team next week for a one week review.
 - Research Council – Paul Hirschberg
The Research Council is looking for a nominee to the Research Council Writing Committee.
 - NOSC – Rob Mairs
PMs need to be aware of the need to identify updates for the CASA NOSA system. Rob discussed format issues. Rob can be reached at: robert.l.mairs@noaa.gov and 301-713-2999, ext 139 if you have any questions.

- **Action Tracker Items** – Ward reminded everyone to be aware of the action tracker items shown above

Announcements

- Upcoming Goal Team Meetings
 - o March 20, 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm, SSMC-2, Room 16246
 - o April 3, 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm, SSMC-2, Room 16246
 - o April 17, 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm, SSMC-2, Room 16246

- May 1, 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm, SSMC-2, Room 16246
- May 15, 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm, SSMC-2, Room 16246
- May 30, 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm, SSMC-2, Room 16246

If you have questions about this week's minutes, please contact Steve Schofield at 301-713-3391 x139 or Jenifer Rhoades at 301-713-1975 x173.